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'Focus on Toc H'

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Ourselves

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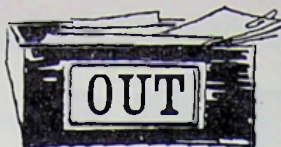
COVER PICTURE: At the Western Area Centre, Bristol, Tubby leads the farewell good wishes to Geoffrey Perkins, a local member who is going to Nigeria to work among lepers. (See also page 101).

Photograph by courtesy of Bristol Evening Post.

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notes & comment

Mental Health

A MOST INTERESTING ARTICLE RECENTLY appeared in a professional journal *The Medical Officer*. It told of a social club in North-West London founded by a psychiatrist and a mental welfare officer to help mental patients find their way back into the life of the community. The club's three-fold aim is to oppose loneliness, to develop personal abilities and to help the members gain self-confidence. There are few rules and the word 'patient' is never used. We were particularly interested to learn that in response to an appeal for volunteers to assist in establishing the club on a firm basis, members of WEMBLEY Toc H Branch readily responded, several offering permanent assistance, others giving temporary help. They agreed to accept equal membership with the 'patients', and were to be "reluctant leaders, taking their cue from the general atmosphere in the club". It appears that the services of the volunteers will be needed indefinitely as new members constantly arriving in the club will benefit from their help.

Life-long Fighter

WHEN CAPTAIN R. D. E. MC MAHON DIED IN Salisbury, Rhodesia, in January, a few weeks before his ninetieth birthday, Toc H in Central Africa lost a colourful character and its oldest member. A fighter all his life, as a young man he went through the Matabele campaign and later took part in the Jameson Raid and the Boer War which followed. The outbreak of World War I found him again on active Service, and in World War II he served as a munition worker in Britain. Among Captain McMahon's most treasured possessions was a sword which his father had worn at Balaclava and an enemy flag he himself had captured during the Siege of Mafeking. When not engaged in fighting with the sword he was wielding his pen. After he was 80 he started on the manuscript of a book "The Great Illusion", setting out his political theories; for politics were his keenest interest. Late last year one of his legs had to be amputated and he fought with all his energy to recover from the stroke that had deprived him of speech and most of his power of movement.

Small Expectations

IN SPITE OF ANNUAL ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN countries of \$4,000 millions, the standard of living in one hundred under-developed nations outside the Iron Curtain is no higher than it was in 1955. This was stated by Mr. Hilary Marquand, M.P., in introducing a new publication by the War on Want Organisation, entitled *The Ancient Enemies*. The booklet shows that the expectation of life in India today is only 32 years, compared with 72 in Sweden and 70 in Britain and the United States. In the Congo it is 39 years.

Bird-watching Station

AT SPURN POINT, NORTH OF THE HUMBER, where it joins the sea lies a remote area on the cliffs, once an army camp and now belonging to the National Trust. A project for converting it into a permanent bird-watching station has been taken on by Toc H, in close collaboration with the Honorary Secretary of the Yorkshire Naturalist Trust. The work entailed includes clearing the ground of scrub, constructing a Heligoland trap, breaking up concrete foundations and digging ditches for drainage. Parties will do their own cooking and essential chores while the Y.N.T. will ensure that they have opportunities to gain experience of bird-watching methods and natural history. Applications have already been received from a number of volunteers and work will start as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

On Roof if Fine?

IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES THAT A MEMBER FROM Overseas, on leave in London, is persuaded to meet the Headquarters Staff during one lunch hour and share his experience and knowledge with us. Now that we are in the City and have more elbow room for such jamborees the question is asked, "Why not extend invitations to any other members within reach of Tower Hill, members and friends, men or women?" Why not, indeed?

The normal procedure for such lunch-hour talks would be rather like this:—

1.00 p.m. The bar opens and cups of tea are sold at a modest charge. Patrons, with their own sandwiches, hob-nob until—

1.15 p.m. The speaker begins speaking.

1.40 p.m. The speaker is persuaded to stop.
Thereafter he answers questions.

2.00 p.m. Back to work.

The second question posed is simply this—would you like to know when such meetings are arranged, and come if you can? If so, send your name and address to the Overseas Secretary at Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, E.C.3, for inclusion on the mailing list.



Making Mark History

JACK CLARK

Toc H Houses Secretary

IN A YEAR that has seen two outstanding achievements in the history of Toc H, the opening of a Centre for Training at Dor Knap, and the more recent opening of our new Headquarters at 15, Trinity Square (for both of which we have cause to rejoice and give thanks), it is not surprising that a no less important project in Toc H history has been somewhat over-shadowed. This third project which has been slowly gathering momentum is none other than the building of a new Mark at South Hackney, Mark III. The Central Executive was faced with two alternatives:—

- (1) We could retain the present building which has housed Mark III for some thirty years, having to spend between £10–£15,000 in a partial rebuilding scheme and putting it into an adequate state of repair, or
- (2) Demolish the present building and build an entirely new Mark on the present site, costing between £40,000–£50,000.

These were the hard facts as the Central Executive saw them, but, with a strong affirmation of faith in the value of the Mark within the Movement they courageously embarked upon the latter scheme for complete rebuilding. Just over forty years since our first Mark was opened in London the building contract has been signed and the stage is all set to forge ahead. Mark III closed its doors on December 10, 1960, for the third time in its history. This total evacuation was necessary to enable the contractors to commence the work of demolition (now well and truly completed) and to prepare the present site to commence building the new Mark III, and we shall watch the new Mark slowly emerging again, to re-open its doors in the Spring of 1962.

What does this mean in terms of the history of Marks? Simply this, that for the first time Toc H has accepted the challenge to build a Mark to its own specification, in-

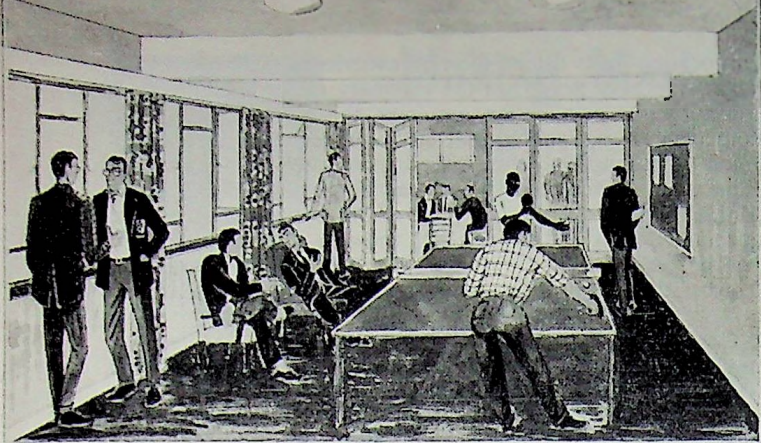
corporating in its design the rich experience of the past forty years. We have never lost the visionary picture of building a Mark to our own design and now this dream is about to come true. It is regretted that in the process of all this demolition it means the complete dispersal of all the present Marksmen. While some have been housed in other London Marks others are sharing flats or have gone into private accommodation in the area, but we very much hope that it will be possible that a nucleus will remain within the vicinity to maintain and preserve the spirit and tradition of Mark III and its many contacts built up within the community.

Quite naturally many are asking—what is this new modern Mark going to be like, and how far shall we be able to preserve the rich tradition of Mark life and create a community whereunder the individual can grow? Those who have been concerned with the scrutiny of the plans and design have been at great pains to preserve the essential ingredients. For instance, the present method of sharing bedroom accommodation as opposed to the modern trend of the single study-bedroom. There will be, of course, a number of single rooms, but it is the considered opinion of all our Wardens that this method of sharing sets the seal to the basic training of Marksmen.

New amenities

The design will also incorporate many new amenities essential in this day and age, such as a 'drip-dry' room, a dark-room, a workshop, a games room, and an extra lounge, an office for the Honorary Warden as well as the traditional Common Room, Quiet Room and Chapel. It will also be equipped with modern, comfortable and adequate accommodation for our resident Lady Housekeeper whose permanent home it becomes while she is with us, and we must always remember that the Housekeeper plays an important part in helping to create and maintain the happy atmosphere of our Marks.

Mark III began as an immense adventure being the first house south of the Thames, 148, York Road, Lambeth, and gloriously mixed in membership. It was the official Vicarage of St. John's, Waterloo Road, and was leased to Toc H by arrangement with the Vicar, the Rev. Jack Woodhouse, afterwards Bishop of Thetford, and to his staff as Curates came Tom Savage, now Bishop of Zululand, and R. O. Hall, now Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong—both were among the early



The architect's drawing of the Games Room in the new Mark III, one of the many rooms which will be named by generous donors whose support has made the scheme possible.

pioneers of Mark III. The adaptation and its furnishings were the result of an appeal launched by the Editor, Sir Owen Seaman, and Round Table of *Punch* in memory of F. H. Townsend.

To the pioneers of Mark III in the early 1920's at 148, York Road, on the site where today part of the great L.C.C. buildings stand, we owe much—for indeed they were responsible for laying the foundations of the best tradition of our Marks as we know them today.

Among that first team we proudly recall its first Honorary Warden, Harry Willink, better known today as Sir Henry Willink, and with him his then team of Marksmen—Bob Collis and Bill Daggett, both then medical students, the former a Rugby Cap for Ireland. Horace Flower was House Secretary, Robert Jardine who succeeded Harry Willink as Honorary Warden. Malcolm Arnott, later Honorary Warden of Mark VII. Arnold Hatch now a doctor in Dulwich, Ronnie Myatt, Percy MacGregor, together with a succession of Honorary Wardens and teams of Marksmen until Mark III had to close its doors, moving to its second house in South Hackney in 1930.

New adventure

Here the Honorary Warden, L. R. Tamplin and P. C. Toy from Mark VII and selected men from the other London Marks, provided the nucleus team for this new adventure of

establishing themselves in an entirely new area to open the second period of the history of Mark III.

Other leaders of this era—R. A. Suckling, J. Williamson and Gerry Hayes, present Honorary Warden of The Brothers House and Chairman of the Central Houses Committee. In the year 1939–40 once again it became necessary to close Mark III, and with the war years resulting in structural damage by enemy action it was impossible to re-open the Mark again until 1947 with Bernard Shaw of Mark XX, Putney, its first Honorary Warden of this new era, and with him Bill Jakeman, also of Mark XX, as his deputy, once again rebuilding Mark III with an entirely new team of Marksmen, and Mark III began to live again. We recall with affection the last Honorary Warden of the present Mark III, John Bewley, whose sudden death in 1958 deprived the Mark of a leader who had given three-and-a-half years of devoted service and whose one great desire was to see the new Mark III.

What does the rebuilding of Mark III mean in terms of Finance? The building contract is close on £45,000, and beyond this other charges together with furnishings will mean another £5,000—in all £50,000. Of this sum we have available about £40,000, a very great achievement, and for which we owe much to the determined personal efforts of Colin Campbell who has been responsible for this appeal. The many gifts we have received have come from a great variety of sources, from large firms with whom we have strong links over many years of friendship, other large industrial concerns, Trusts, City Livery Companies, and from the Borough in which the Mark stands, the area membership and a great many friends, among them a most magnificent gift from one who desires to remain entirely anonymous but whose whole life has been devoted to Toc H and in particular its Marks.

Perhaps one of the most exciting stories of this appeal we owe to a suggestion coming from John Beale, an early Marksman of Mark VII, to appeal to Marksmen of the Mark of his day and generation and ask them together to put up by means of Covenanted subscription the entire cost of a new Room in the new Mark III—£1,000—and to date this appeal is upon the brink of achieving its target. And all who have so generously responded have been eloquent in expressing their delight in the privilege of being allowed to pay tribute to

Toc H and in particular Mark VII, still conscious of early gratitude towards the London Mark where their careers began in real earnest.

So we have reached a stage in the history of this venture where we enter the ring for the last round and doubtless we shall have to face disappointments and setbacks one way and another. But come what may we have every confidence that by the Spring of 1962 when we hope the new building will be completed we shall re-open Mark III having achieved the great task of raising the total sum required. No, not completed our task, for it will be then that the rebuilding of Toc H Mark III will really commence. Rebuilding a home with all that a home at its highest and best means to men. The roof and walls afford shelter from wind and weather and the upheaval of problems of the world outside but only when hallowed by love, friendship and sacrifice can Mark III ever become Home.

TOC H PADRES AND TALBOT HOUSE

July 10th-14th, 1961

LAST YEAR a small number of padres, some with their wives, spent a fascinating mid-week in Poperinge. The party was led by Padre JIM DAVIES and BARCLAY BARON, and they are leading a similar party this summer. The purpose is two-fold: first to introduce padres to the Old House and, secondly, to consider on the spot the ways in which the House can help them in their pastoral work. A mid-week period is chosen to leave the week-ends free for parish duties.

Although there will be planned visits to the Ypres Salient and Bruges, there will also be a great deal of leisure time and many opportunities for members to pursue their own interests. Before the visit ends thoughts will be shared on the future value of the Old House, not only for pastoral purposes but also, and perhaps particularly, as a place where those responsible for the spiritual welfare of others can themselves find relaxation and renewed strength.

Anyone who would like to join them, or to know more, should write direct to the Rev. R. J. Davies, Toc H Headquarters, 15, Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

The Elder Brethren

With proud thanksgiving . . .

BAKER.—On January 16, **WILLIAM HENRY BAKER**, aged 56, a member of Workop Branch. Elected 6.8.'54.

BELL.—On December 18, **CUTHBERT EDWIN BELL**, aged 60, a member of Plympton Branch. Elected 23.5.'49.

BROAD.—On January 6, **HERBERT GEORGE BROAD**, aged 84, a member of Neath Branch. Elected 14.10.'30.

CARVER.—On January 28, **Colonel WILLIAM HENTON CARVER, D.L.**, aged 92, founder and chairman of the former House of Commons group, a Vice-President since 1932. Elected 1.4.'21.

CLEWS.—On December 27, **JAMES SIDNEY CLEWS**, aged 51, a member of Topsham Branch. Elected 6.5.'53.

CUTLER.—Suddenly, on January 6, **HARRY CUTLER**, aged 48, a member of Southampton Branch. Elected 28.4.'52.

FROST.—On January 22, **LI-Col. ARTHUR CECIL FROST, O.B.E.**, Knight of Portugal, aged 74, a member of Whitfield & Guston Branch. Elected 17.12.'58.

GRICE.—On December 24, **JOSEPH GRICE**, aged 37, a member of Lye Branch. Elected 11.10.'54.

HAMS.—On January 25, **PERCY JAMES HAMS**, aged 68, a founder member of Netheravon Branch. Elected 17.2.'33.

HARGRAVE.—On January 20, **ALFRED GEORGE HARGRAVE**, aged 46, a former Jobmaster of Netherall Branch. Elected 30.7.'57.

HARPER.—On January 5, **JOSEPH HARPER**, aged 76, a founder member of Longtown Branch. Elected 4.5.'49.

HARPER.—On January 21, **Sir KENNETH BRAND HARPER**, aged 69, formerly of Rangoon Branch, Burma, and a member of the Central Executive, 1938-39.

HODGE.—On January 21, **JOHN HODGE**, aged 67, a member of Tiverton Branch. Elected July, 1960.

JAMES.—On January 20, **HORACE JAMES**, aged 73, a member of Wisborough Green Branch. Elected 27.1.'59.

JONES.—On January 23, **DUDLEY WIGHT JONES**, aged 76, a founder member of Henley Joint Branch. Elected 7.8.'56.

JONES.—On January 3, **HAROLD ELLIS JONES**, aged 62, the Chairman of Dudley Branch. Elected 17.9.'46.

LARGE.—On January 13, **JOHN WILFRED LARGE ('Jerry')**, aged 64, a member of Wimborne Branch. Elected 22.7.'51.

LLOYD.—On January 23, **EDWARD EVAN LLOYD ('Ted')**, aged 65, founder member of Pontypool Branch, Roath Branch, formerly Hon. Area Treasurer and Correspondent in Wales, member of the Council and Central Executive. 1956-59. Elected 7.6.'30.

MASON.—On December 27, **GEORGE HENRY MASON**, aged 67, a member of Rayleigh Branch. Elected 25.6.'35.

OSBORNE.—On January 18, **GRAHAME FREDERICK WILLIAM OSBORNE**, aged 62, a Western Area member. Elected 6.11.'48.

PALMER.—On December 16, CYRIL EDWIN PALMER, aged 51, a member of East Budleigh group and formerly of Honiton Branch. Elected September, 1952.

PANTER.—In a road accident, on April 6, 1960, FRANK PANTER, aged 44, a member of Prestwick Branch. Elected 11.12.'58.

PARSONS.—On August 16, ROBERT LEONARD PARSONS, aged 71, a founder member of Clevedon Branch. Elected 2.2.'48.

SMITH.—Suddenly, on January 8, JAMES SMITH, aged 41, a member of Blaenau Ffestiniog Branch. Elected 17.10.'56.

TURNER.—On January 23, HENRY TURNER, aged 81, a member of Hayling Island Branch. Elected 25.5.'57.

In Memoriam

EDWARD EVAN LLOYD

On the outbreak of World War I, 'Ted' Lloyd enlisted in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, with whom he saw much arduous overseas service. On demobilisation he returned to the Civil Service, and eventually held the position of Assistant Controller for Wales, in the Ministry of Labour and National Service. For five years he was also President of the Association of Officers of the M.o.L. and N.S.

Joining Toc H in 1930, he was a founder member of Pontypool Branch and Chairman of the first District Team in Merion. A former member of Toc H Central Executive and for five years Area Treasurer, Wales, this genial Welshman, in addition to his duties as a Churchwarden, gave outstanding service on many committees including Displaced Persons, Cardiff Blind Institute, Boys' Clubs in Wales, and a regimental benevolent fund, at all of which his wit, no less than his wisdom, will be sorely missed.

F.G.C.

WILLIAM HENTON CARVER

When an old friend of Tubby and many senior members dies at the age of 92, it is fitting to recall the early years that led to his being first made a Vice-President of Toc H in 1932. Having been an officer in the 3rd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1889 to 1908, he raised the 10th Battalion, the East Yorkshire Regiment, at the outbreak of war in 1914. He served with it throughout the war and later was made honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

'Bill' Carver was an active member of Toc H from the restart, being among the few registered in April, 1921. He was the donor of the original Mark X, opened at Clarendon House, Hull, in 1923, and of the Chaplaincy Endowment, which is held by the East Yorkshire Padre.

He served on the East Riding County Council for 35 years, for ten of them as an Alderman. Elected to Parliament in 1926,

he represented the Howdenshire Division of the East Riding of Yorkshire for nearly twenty years, serving his constituents faithfully and being a well-known and much beloved figure in Westminster. In 1927 he founded and was the first Secretary of the House of Commons group of Toc H, becoming its chairman later until 1945.

His faith in Toc H never wavered, his keenness never languished. Outstanding among our working members and benefactors, let us honour him and remember this truly lovable personality, a grand mixer and a cheery friend at all times. R.R.C.

A Dor Knap Weekend

TED SOUTHWICK

WHAT DOES DOR KNAP MEAN TO YOU? Is it just a name, a house for which we in Toc H are responsible, or perhaps you think of it as an extra item to be paid for by the Family Purse? Are we being extravagant, is it something which we cannot really afford, or is it essential to the life and growth of our Family?

I have heard old members talk of Toc H in its infancy. Tubby did not dream of Toc H as it is now, with its Branches, Districts and Areas, but rather as a group of Houses. We still have some of them as our Marks. It is important to remember also that Toc H itself was born in a house, a home from home, an Everyman's Club.

But what distinctive contribution can a house and in particular Dor Knap make to the life of our Family? I think that the answer to that is contained in a comment made by a Central Councillor at Dor Knap, during the East London and South-East London Area weekend. He said, "In forty-eight hours I have learned more about the members of my own Branch, than I had learned in the previous four years". You may think that this is a startling comment to make. So do I, but I also believe that it is a true one.

Dor Knap has a unique function to perform in Toc H. There are only a few of our members, for whom it is possible to live in a Mark. But every member can find time to live at Dor Knap for a short time and share a communal life of fellowship and service.

My own first visit to Dor Knap was in July last year and whilst I was there, two of us laid the foundations of a

winter training weekend. It appeared odd to us that such a wonderful asset should only be used for half of each year. Was it practicable to use the house in winter? We knew a family had lived there in the past, so why not a Toc H family in the future? With a great deal of help from Charles Young, at that time the temporary Warden, and from Alec Churcher the weekend became a fact.

When we arrived at Dor Knap in January with nine other members, one friend and Padre Cliff Pollard, who was kindly loaned to us by the Kent and Sussex Areas, we were met at the door by a smiling George Atkinson who led us straight into the conference room, with its blazing log fire; hot tea appeared as if by magic and soon we were on friendly terms with the other chaps, who we would all know far better by Sunday. My other impressions of the weekend are of the simple services in the Chapel, of the cut and thrust of the discussions, of road-making to improve the approach road, of warm beds, good fellowship, and good food. But remember, you too can go to Dor Knap: why not suggest that members from your District or Area spend a weekend there next winter?

Dor Knap is not a place of retreat, but rather a place of withdrawal and refreshment from which we should go back to our Branches fitter and better men.

'CENTRAL' PARTIES AT DOR KNAP

As announced in the January JOURNAL, applications are invited for the following 'central' parties at Dor Knap and should be addressed to the leader of the party concerned:—

1. Sunday May 28 to Friday June 2: FOR PILOTS AND OTHERS (Leader: Padre Jim Davies, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.)
2. Friday June 23 to Sunday June 25: A WEEKEND FOR JOBSTERS. (Leader: Alec Churcher, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.)
3. Saturday July 22 to Saturday July 29: FOR YOUNG MEMBERS. (Leaders: Alan Hill and Ray Fabes, c/o Toc H Headquarters.)
4. Saturday August 12 to Saturday August 19: "THE LIFE AND WORK OF A BRANCH". (Leader: Alec Churcher, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.)
5. Saturday August 26 to Saturday September 2: FOR OLDER LEADERS. (Leader: John Callf, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.)
6. Saturday September 2 to Saturday September 9: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" (Leader: Iain Fraser, 4 Coles Drive, Arnside, Carnforth, Lancs.)



MULTUM IN PARVO much in little

☘ **TUBBY** has been at sea with the crew of a new freighter. He will be at the Notts. and Derby Festival at Bakewell on May 6.

☘ **NEW YEAR HONOURS:** Our congratulations on being made M.B.E. to **JOHN STUART MILL**, Neath Branch, Chairman of South Wales Executive, and the Rev. **S. W. GERHOLD**, Branch Padre at St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

☘ **E. G. PITKIN** has relinquished the part-time appointment of South Essex Pilot, made possible in the past by a grant from the Ford (Dagenham) Trust.

☘ The Rev. **A. ROBERT H. GREY**, lately of Queenstown, C.P., South Africa, has been appointed to the Staff and will be going, in April, to the South-Western Area for six months.

☘ Every **BRANCH MEMBER** should be in possession of a current membership card by the end of March.

☘ Every **GENERAL MEMBER**, who pays his subscription by bankers' order or under covenant or who has paid in cash, has received his current membership card.

☘ For **Toc H SERVICES** work in Germany, men and women are wanted. See the January Journal, page 16.

☘ '**Toc H** and the **LAW-BREAKER**': A Conference at Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23. Tickets (free) from Alec Churcher, so far as space permits.

☘ The **NORTH WALES** Spring Festival at Rhyl on March 25.

☘ The **SOUTHERN COUNTIES FAIR** in aid of **Toc H** at the Corn Exchange, Brighton, from 2 p.m. on April 19.

☘ The **EAST MIDLANDS** Festival at Peterborough, May 27.

☘ For the family holidays at **GROTON OLD HALL**, the Suffolk manor house, from August 12 to September 9, see page 3 of the January Journal and enquire of 'Fergie' at H.Q.

☘ As the **CENTRAL COUNCIL** will be holding its annual meeting in London on April 15 and 16, Branches should invite their Councillors now to meet them soon after then.

☘ The **ANNUAL REPORT** will be published with the next issue. Branches will be well advised to book at least two evenings for its study.



FAR CRY overseas notes

Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN

SPONSORED SPEECH

STUDENTS FROM SEVEN SCHOOLS IN BUGANDA attended an elocution contest held under the auspices of Kampala Toc H at the Kampala Town Hall one Sunday. After introducing Professor WARNER, of Makerere College, the Chairman, Mr. J. I. HERBERT, Uganda Toc H Commissioner, said that every year the Toc H annual elocution contest had given school students an opportunity to express their views in public on current topics. For her spontaneous expression and excellent delivery, Miss NORAH NAKATEMWA, of Trinity College, Nabingo, was awarded the elocution shield by the adjudicators. We print below Miss Nakatemwa's speech in full, extracted from the *Uganda Argus* and which shows Toc H nourishing some human personalities at its roots.

WHAT AN AFRICAN GIRL EXPECTS OF PARENTS TODAY

What do I expect of parents of today? The easiest answer to this question is, "A lot!" Yes, we expect a lot of parents of today. Let us try to examine together a little of "the lot".

The first and most fundamental thing we expect of them is love—true disinterested love of each other which will help to bind them together and make their marriage a stable one.

Is this anything new? Didn't the parents of yesterday love each other? I answer emphatically, "No!"

The very idea of conjugal love was unknown to our grandparents. Where there is love there is a certain equality, and no equality existed between the father who proudly sat on a chair (if there was one) and the mother who washed his feet and sat in the dust.

Parents of today are expected to devote great care to the upbringing of their children—body, mind and soul. Parents of yesterday certainly cared for their children but were ignorant of many matters. Many babies died because their parents did not feed them properly or take them to hospital when they were ill.

Today, if you visit a hospital you will find many children, which goes to prove how parents of today have improved in the care of



'Skegg' Blanchard

Pineate Mulumba-Musoke, Toe II Field Assistant in Uganda, newly arrived in Britain, visits the Tower of London with Geoff Martin, Overseas Secretary.

their children's health. A generation ago women and girls were not allowed to eat certain foods, such as eggs, pork and chicken.

Why were such customs introduced? I strongly suspect it was because the men and boys wanted to keep all those good things to themselves. Modern parents brook no such nonsense!

Much is expected of parents of today for the education of their children's minds. Long ago, when children questioned their elders they were silenced peremptorily. Nowadays parents should understand the value of answering their children's questions (when they're not too difficult) and so develop a lively and intelligent curiosity in the world around them.

The first elements of reading, writing and number should be taught at home. And where better can a child learn his first lessons about God than at his mother's knee?

There are some ways in which perhaps the parents of yesterday outshone those of today; in teaching them to respect their elders, for example.

In our country, whenever a child was accused of something wrong, he kept silence and afterwards asked pardon, but nowadays, many children answer their parents back and even blame them. Parents of today should not neglect that good custom of our forefathers.

Parents of today are expected to send all their children, both boys and girls, to school. Some years ago it was considered a waste of time and money to educate girls at school. They, it was thought, were good for nothing but digging. Are there not some parents today who still hold this out-dated opinion of our ancestors?

Parents of today, listen to me! When I become a mother, if my

son or daughter wants to marry, it will not be for me to appoint the woman or man of my choice, since the partner is not for me but for my child to live with!

However, advice is expected from parents and should be given with the wise understanding of a mother's heart.

Above all, parents of today must realise that they are responsible for the souls of their children. They must train their character and mould their hearts. Homes must be places of mutual respect, love and laughter so that they may be sanctuaries where God may find an abode.

To go back to my first answer to this question, "What do I expect of parents of today". Is it not true that we expect a lot of them?

It is on their response or their refusal to respond to our expectations that the future progress or downfall of our country—and of the world—depends.

NEWS OF NEW ZEALAND

How is Toc H New Zealand? This is the sort of question people ask KEN GANDY, a member of the Watford Branch and on the crew of the s.s. *Rangitiki*, sailing regularly to New Zealand. He is on very close terms with a number of members there, and when this question was last asked he very decently agreed to write his reply. So—

Before we can judge or even have the courage to pass an opinion of Toc H in New Zealand, it has to be realised that of necessity through its isolation, its progress is slower than elsewhere and so one still finds what, for want of a better term, one can call "The Anzac Day Outlook", that is to say the Elder Brethren of World War I are still the priority to existing members and because they have found it difficult to pass this on to the later generation, membership is low in numbers and high in average age. This may sound that Toc H New Zealand is old fashioned, stodgy and stagnant. Far from it; and this is the reason for all organisations in New Zealand. By the end of World War I the smallness of the population with the high proportion of young men lost in war, almost wiped out this young country. It was touch and go. Hence the manner in which living World War I veterans are held and treated and the memory of their father's comrades venerated. The United Kingdom in the 20's was similar but in proportion to that the population was so much smaller and this, together with other things, recovery in the United Kingdom was quicker. To us it was part of our history, to New Zealand it was their *whole* history at that time and it is only now slowly diminishing in its intense effect on the population.

Today, Toc H New Zealand realises that the Movement cannot live on this alone, and has planned a slow change. The arrival of Peter Vere Jones was to be the big jump off on the attraction of younger men, and notwithstanding his resignation it is by no means a write-off. Wellington in particular has found leadership which will help to bridge the change, other Branches are doing likewise. Numbers do not really mean much, the quality is what

matters in a young country and that applies to Toc H as well as to its products. There are pessimists in Toc H New Zealand (as in the United Kingdom) but there are many more optimists and active ones at that, who are changing the picture slowly but surely.

Contacts with other parts of the Commonwealth all help. I'm proud to think that even my small contribution is having some bearing on the new outlook.

Yes, Toc H New Zealand is on the way *up*, make no mistake about that. The advance may well be slow but it is sure.

EAVESDROPPING IN INDIA


A six-page news letter has recently come into our hands, nobody quite knows how. It is from Miss JEAN MACDONALD, writing from the Sarah Tucker College, Perumalpuram, Tirunelveli, South India, and the following reference to Toc H caught our eye.

Some of you will remember that our students have been going for several years now to a place near here called Tachanallur, where we have been visiting Hindu homes for evangelistic work once a month. Toc H are now working there also in co-operation with us, and the team-work is very effective. We get the entry into the houses, and if there seems any response we introduce a Toc H member and his wife, and they visit weekly, and are able to reach the men of the family as well as the women and children, so that there have now been eight adult baptisms as a result of their work. We have not the time to go more often, unless we cut out Sunday study groups, which I am not willing to do, but we now send two senior girls every week in rotation with the Toc H wives, so that they can show them the new houses, and also learn much from watching these more experienced workers. Of course we are not welcome in all the houses, and among those who invite us in many just want us to sing a song or two to relieve the monotony of their lives, and they often say, when we explain why we come, "God is one, though we have different names for Him", and then it is difficult to know how to proceed! I feel we should tell of Christ, giving our own witness where possible and leave our hearers to make comparisons with their gods, but for that one really needs to give more concentrated teaching.

GOING PLACES, 1961

A number of parties to Poperinge, Belgium and Holland on different dates have been planned for members and friends visiting the Continent this summer. Details are given on page 3 of cover. Most of those listed include in their programmes : a stay in Bruges, the Belgian Ardennes, or further afield in Holland and all of them culminate with a stay at the Old House, Poperinge.

Individual Bookings for the Old House should be made through the Old House Secretary, Toc H Headquarters, 15, Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.



FROM ALL PARTS direct from areas

LINCOLNSHIRE

from George Lee

Incessant rains over past months have indeed caused problems for the farming fraternity in Lincolnshire, but in most rural communities there is an additional problem due to the severe curtailment, or complete withdrawal, of all forms of public transport linking the villages to the larger market towns. One of the major difficulties now faced by the villagers concerns visiting relatives in the hospitals, these all being situated in the larger towns. If without private transport there is no alternative than to travel over a long, expensive and time-wasting route, using the local service where one still exists. Elderly people have often to forgo visiting altogether. For some years now SUTTON-ON-SEA have successfully run a Hospital Car Service, conveying people to the Louth Hospital. Now, HORNCastle, CONINGSBY and WEST PINCHBECK are organising similar services for their respective communities. Appeals to car owners to use their cars, time and petrol in this way have met with a most encouraging response; within a week or so of launching their appeal, Horncastle obtained no less than twenty volunteers. Through sponsoring such schemes, Toc H provides an opportunity for members of the community to serve each other and friendship is enhanced between the servers and those served.

MANCHESTER

from Bob Knight

Friday, January 13, was an unlucky day for MARK IV, in having to bid farewell to Tom Williams, returning to the Principality—Swansea to be precise. Tom came to IV from Mark VI, and during his three years as Warden at Victoria Park the renovations and repairs were carried out. At such times the spirit of a House can suffer, and it is due in a large measure to Tom's leadership that this was not so at Mark IV. We are fortunate in having Ralph Taylor to succeed Tom. Besides running the Scout Troop at St. Chrysostom's, the Mark's Parish Church, Ralph also works for his living alongside Bill Lockhead, once Warden of MARK VII. So the shadows of Fitzroy Square now reach into Victoria Park.

ROCHDALE took Tubby's challenge, last May, to get out and get in touch with the youth of Lancashire seriously. Four of the Branch went to the Dor Knap week-end on the Albemarle report, having already done a preliminary survey of the Youth Service in the town. On January 25, the men and women of Toc H invited the local youth leaders, both voluntary and statutory, to a showing of *A Lamp Burns*. At a question forum after the film, the Scout District Commissioner, a Guide Commissioner, a local Methodist Minister, and the Youth Organiser, made known the needs in the youth service.

MACCLESFIELD heard, before Christmas, that a wood was to be cleared by the firm employing one of their members. Having obtained the necessary permission, the Branch borrowed a truck, complete with driver and mate, and secured several tons of the silver birch trees. Every one of the 180 members of the Macclesfield Disabled Club, as well as old age pensioners, have had a large bag of logs for their winter fires.



A 'strong man' act during the shifting of several tons of silver birch trees by Macclesfield members.

District parties are becoming more and more popular, and annual events which began as a Branch affair have blossomed out into full scale District gatherings of members and their families. No less than five Mayors and Mayoresses attended the Guest Night and Cabaret sponsored by DUKINFELD with the support of STOCKPORT District. The largest number of invitations went to local pensioners and friends of the Branch. At Accrington, EAST LANCASHIRE District held their fifth annual party in early January. In spite of the worst fog of the winter, 120 people managed to find their way there—and back. STROKE Branch, helped by their wives, and the lively units of the Women's Association in those parts, managed to hire the coveted Twyford Hall, one of the best equipped and furnished Scout headquarters anywhere.

SCOTLAND

from Reg Stewart

PAISLEY Branch hold their 30th Anniversary this month and are making preparations to celebrate this auspicious occasion in fitting form. Nine years ago they celebrated their 21st birthday by the introduction of a cinema scheme for the homebound, and since then thousands of film shows have been provided for local residents who are unable to leave their homes to visit the cinema. Despite the counter-attraction of television, the Branch still gives about one hundred shows annually. In addition to the cinema scheme, television sets have been obtained and are loaned out for a minimum period of six months to specially deserving cases. The Branch is

active in providing a regular taxi service to enable elderly folk to be present at Church and at meetings of Old Folks' Clubs throughout the town. Church services have also been recorded on occasion by the Branch to enable the sick and elderly to hear such services in their own homes. In DUNDEE the Branch continues with their excellent exercise in "involvement", where, with the help of young ladies drawn from the local telephone exchange, live radio shows are produced and 'taped' and transmitted over a direct closed circuit as a weekly programme to those of the bigger hospitals in the Angus area.

ALLOA Branch have recently been instrumental, in conjunction with the local branch of Rotary, in the development of a bedside telephone service in their local County Hospital. This enables patients to keep in touch with their friends and relatives.

In an effort to arouse interest in Toc H in the City of Glasgow, the presentation of a new play *Break Down* is being arranged in conjunction with the management of the Glasgow Citizens' Theatre. This is a modern play depicting today's youth and it attempts to explain the fundamental reasons behind some young people's seemingly odd behaviour. It is based on the mythological Greek characters Orpheus and Eurydice. With the help of the local Branches we are hoping to sell sufficient tickets to make the venture worth while.

Following the success of the Melrose Training Conference, SOUTH WESTERN SCOTLAND is arranging a similar one-day Training session at Troon, for March 18, at which Jack Shaw will be the principal speaker. ANGUS are also planning their Training Day at Coupar Angus for March 26. Their principal speakers will be Donald Macintosh and Lyndsay Orr.

NEILSTON Branch have been active in organising two fashion shows in the Glen Halls which were attended by more than one hundred local people. The shows were attractively arranged by Messrs. Wallis & Co., Glasgow; they were opened by Dr. J. B. Cruickshank, and introduced by Arthur Laws, Hon. Secretary to the Scottish Executive. The proceeds of these shows will be used to finance the annual activities of the Branch. Members of this Branch also organised a dinner and concert for 130 old folk from Neilston which was held in Alexanders' Recreation Hall. It is a matter for thought that whereas no active Branch of Toc H exists actually within the City of Glasgow, Neilston Branch, lying just on its perimeter, has succeeded in making a decided impact on the community.

Having attended a number of Burns' Suppers held in various parts of the world, it was a highly exciting experience to be present at one organised by a Toc H Branch situated within a few miles of the birthplace of the great poet, namely PRESTWICK. Bill Crane's rendering of the immortal lines, "To a Haggis" would have brought praise from the national bard himself. Padre Andrew Pringle's able and witty discourse was all that one could have wished for on such an occasion. Sam Moffat, dressed *cap-a-pie* for the occasion, and supported by 'piped' music introduced the "Great Chieftain" himself with fitting pomp and ceremony. "Exciseman" Tom Kennedy's toast "To the Lassies" and his quotation from the Poet's works were apt and to the point. The proceedings were ably controlled by Jim Campbell and to him and to the other members of the Branch and those of their ladies who worked so hard to make this the memorable evening which it was, our thanks are due.

WESTERN

from Johnnie MacMillan

At Christmas and other occasions Toc H, like many other societies, makes gifts and, of course, in the majority of cases these are more than welcome, but there is a deeper side to all this giving. Recently there appeared in this Area two gifts which cheered the hearts of those engaged in this part of our service.

One old couple were so impressed by the kindness shown to them that they felt impelled to give something. But what? Money was out, being in very short supply and time and energy were limited as well. "What about our eyes?" said father. And it was their eyes that were bequeathed to society. Indeed father's eyes are now looking out on society again for he died shortly after making this decision.



Bristol Evening Post

"... there is a deeper side to this giving."

A couple walked into a Gloucester shop managed by a Toc H member. They had been sent to him because, as they said, "We want to do something for old folk, and have been told that Toc H are the people who can help you to do so". The couple had just returned from South Africa and after discussion a meal was laid on for a number of old folk, and two strangers were made happy in being kind. Tubby's great phrase "We must help people to be kind" does operate.

Tubby visited the Western Area recently and some forty members turned up to say prayers with him and Geoff Perkins, before Geoff left Bristol for his new job with BELRA. Some seventy members and wives turned out to an excellent send-off party held in the Area Centre a week later.

Penry Jones, of A.B.C. "Sunday Break" programme, spoke to two gatherings of Toc H young people, at a largish gathering of the University group and to the 'Guinea Pigs' at the Area Centre.

BATH District Branches are organising a Country Fair on April 8 in the Octagon, Bath. This is to be opened by Mr. Tom Salmon.



Fred Russell, of Rochdale Branch, took this photograph of Tubby with a group of Boy Scouts visiting the Old House at Poperinge.

EAST YORKSHIRE

from Bill Hardy

The youngest member of BRIDLINGTON Branch, Trevor Wardill, was initiated on his 16th birthday. The occasion was a Guest-night with the accent on Youth, and the guests were local Sea Scouts, along with members of the Bridlington Scooter Club.

Bridlington Branch had the pleasing job of helping a kindly T.V. and Radio shop proprietor find some really deserving people for whom he could install a T.V. set free of charge, and they went to work with a will.

At Area level Toc H in East Yorkshire has been very much pre-occupied with the need for more training and Toc H instruction in Branches. At recent meetings of the Area Executive we have been shown films about the meaning of Toc H produced by the York Film Unit, under the direction of Frank Turner, and the use of the tape recorder was also demonstrated with a recorded talk by Mayne Elson on Jobmastery. A training Scheme for a new group is being planned by the East Yorkshire Guard. A useful summary has been prepared by Tommy Asquith, Central Councillor, and will form the basis of a Scheme for Training to be recommended to units at a later date.

WEST MIDLANDS

from Bob Purdy

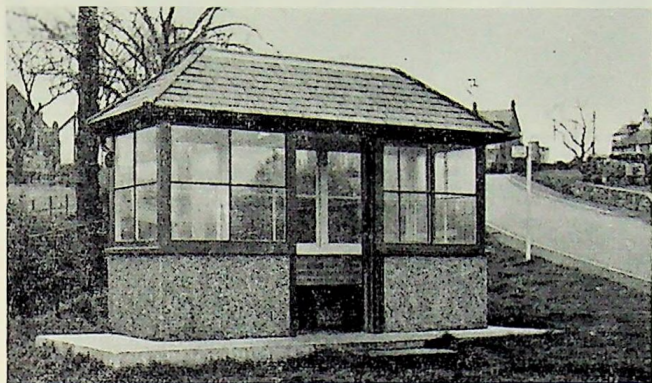
WYCHALL FARM group have now commenced the much needed Boys' Club and not only had sixty boys at the second meeting but two new men who having heard of the venture offered to help. To get a 'zebra' crossing over a very busy road on the most densely populated estate in Birmingham, with the school children especially in mind, 801 houses were visited and 800 signatures obtained.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN Branch, together with North Cotswold District Team and in conjunction with the South Birmingham District Team are planning for another summer camp this year for Birmingham boys.

SANDWELL Branch are experimenting with a venture at the Assistance Board Re-establishment Centre at Henley-in-Arden and it is hoped that this will lead to a continuation of a most needy job.

If members know of any likely contacts in STOURPORT the Area Secretary would be glad to hear about them.

At KIDDERMINSTER annual dinner the Mayor of Kidderminster related his first contact with the Branch thirty years ago when he arrived in the town, an unemployed Welsh miner. He told, how the Branch had adopted the family of his sister during those grim days of depression, seeing they had some of the necessities of life and how now he was glad to make public his gratitude as chief citizen of the Borough for the continuing good work of Toc H.



Criccieth Branch raised funds for the erection of this bus shelter to take the place of an unprotected wooden bench.

NOTTS. & DERBY

from Les Wheatley

In the recent issue of the *London Broadsheet*, Coulsdon Branch claims to have the youngest Branch Executive in the country, with a Chairman of 21 years, a Secretary also of 21 and a Jobmaster of 24. That claim is upset by two Branches in this Area—KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD and WORKSOP. The former has two 21s and a 20, and the latter has two 21s and a 24, and in both cases the Chairman is included. But whether there is a record here or not, at least three Branches have seen fit to give more than lip-service to the belief that youth must have its opportunity. WORKSOP has made a deal with local second-hand TV dealers who will hand over sets, in good working order, to the Branch for needy folk. As one of its regular get-togethers, DERBY District descended in strength on the Cripples' Club which DERBY Branch members have been running for many years now. GRAEME Branch (Derby) is calling a meeting on March 20 at CHADDESSEN to try and form a group there. Names of anyone in that vicinity would be gladly received by Fred Bennett, 219, Burton Road, Derby.



Salisbury Journal

Members of Dorchester Branch and the W.A. Branch at the first joint-meeting in their new headquarters.

LONDON

from David Freeston

GRAVESEND continue to give individual attention to elderly people. The sitting-room of a widow in dire straits was decorated by one member and another tends the garden of an old lady who is unable to do the job herself.

Besides the regular shows that LEE organised for the old people this year they decided to hold a Christmas party. As a result over 130 old age pensioners enjoyed the games and entertainment.

CONY HALL's Christmas Bazaar yielded a record profit of £300 and the outside friends who helped with the bazaar attended the Branch's New Year Party. Among those who benefitted from the bazaar were the crews of the lightships off the Kent Coast who received Christmas parcels.

MILL HILL's mobile film unit is still in great demand by hospitals and old people's homes in the district. A delivery of firewood to nearly one hundred people is also undertaken regularly.

BEDS. & HERTS.

from Ray Fabes

MARSHALSWICK Branch, who entertained a large number of people to their first birthday party, are having seriously to reconsider their ideas of 'Service' locally. The showing of the Toc H film *A Lamp Burns* the previous week to the party prompted several new contacts to enquire what was being done, and what needed to be done—if in fact they were being good neighbours—here in their new housing estate. During their first year of existence the Branch has mainly tackled jobs in nearby St. Albans.

The proposed re-arrangement of LUTON and ST. ALBANS District has stirred other Districts in a very valuable way. They are now looking at themselves in a far more studious way and reconsidering if they are in fact concerned with the Welfare and Extension of the whole District. This is even leading one or two to put themselves on a business-like basis for the efficiency of Team Meetings.

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

from Tim Tobias

WEXHAM held a district Supper. Though it was a filthy night and the river alongside almost in full flood, about thirty members and their wives sat down to a fine meal at the Thames Hotel, Windsor. The entertainment that followed was entirely 'off the cuff' and of quite a high order. It is to be hoped that the next one (because there is certainly going to be a next one) will be even better supported. MAIDENHEAD members collected more than £550 in house-to-house and street collections for the British Empire Cancer Campaign. A Dance run by WANTAGE for their funds raised £20. BRACKLEY organised a Christmas Draw for Toe H funds and raised £10. Enthusiasm for the joint week with Yorkshire at Dor Knap, July 8-15, is gradually building up. It is not a bit too early to send in names.



Kentish Gazette

The chairman of Canterbury Branch presenting a Scottish Prayer Book to Canon C. K. Sansbury who has recently been appointed Bishop of Singapore and Malaya.

NORTH WALES

from Gwilym Edwards

NORTH WALES AND BORDER COUNTIES FESTIVAL on March 25, commences with a Service at 3 p.m. at the Marble Church, Bodelwydden, near St. Asaph, followed by an Evening Session at Derbyshire Miners' Holiday Home, Marsh Road, Rhyl, at 6 p.m. Padre John Jones and Iain Fraser will attend, supported, it is hoped, by some 400 members and friends.

Whilst the Keynotes Scheme did not appear at the time to make the impression hoped for, recent developments stemming from it have been most encouraging. Old Folk have had much loneliness ameliorated at, for instance, LLANDUDNO, where the Branch run an entertainment session each Friday evening at the Old People's Centre which vies in popularity with "Sunday night at the Palladium". PORTMADOC, on the other hand, have sponsored a civic body—"Friends of Bronygarth"—which has adopted an Old People's Home.

COLWYN BAY have tackled the loneliness of some foreign students and welcomed to their fellowship a number of Nigerian youngsters, two of whom, Obie and Bernard, have recently been initiated. "G", an Ethiopian returned to Addis Ababa just before being initiated.

Intimidation

BOB SIMMONS

The first duty of a man is that of subduing fear

—CARLYLE.

IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT I SAY, I'LL TELL YOUR FATHER." This is perhaps the earliest form of intimidation with which many are confronted and almost certainly it is the most ineffectual. Those who cannot appeal to higher authority have a more simple approach, "If you don't . . . I will bash you!" Such a situation demands instant evasion and swift retribution if non-compliance is to be effectual. One soon learns that blackmailers and bullies cannot be classified respectively as adults and adolescents, but early impressions are lasting.



Bob Simmons, Warden of
Tulbot House, Singapore.

History, as taught in the West, can be made to appear as a long struggle. The wicked barons and their successors use every form of intimidation to oppress and exploit the poor but honest masses of the people. The evolution of parliamentary government, of trial by jury with an impartial judiciary and of the concepts of freedom now contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has taken hundreds of years : but these are not anachronistic relics of a bygone age, they are vital safeguards to the individual against the more malevolent forms of intimidation.

Intimidation has been reduced to a fine art since the days of Pavlov's experiments and is now being practised on a massive scale. Regrettably, a large part of the world is dominated by fear. Government by force has been all too evident in many places since the last World War. Worse, millions of people are deliberately denied access to the truth about their neighbours and are being needlessly antagonised by what are at best only half-truths. Some of the grim episodes in modern times have been publicly condemned by the United Nations Assembly. The picture presented has

become familiar: a claim of absolute right by Government to do what it pleases; strong resentment of criticism, particularly from 'outsiders'; the suggestion that opposition comes only from either ill-educated or misguided individuals. If opposition goes underground it is labelled 'subversive' and Government will impose dire penalties with righteous magniloquence.

Personal matter

It is natural that incidents affecting large numbers of people or causing bloodshed should be featured in the Press: but intimidation is essentially a personal matter and for this reason often tends to pass unremarked. Consider some current 'minor' issues. A citizen has his passport revoked for being outspoken in his criticism of Government policy. A visiting professor is threatened in uncultured terms with cancellation of his work permit for speaking about the folly of forced culture. A leader of the opposition is threatened with prosecution for putting the grievances of civil servants before the Legislature. To what does such intimidation lead? For expediency, trial by jury is abolished except for capital crimes. Men who are neither elected by the people nor selected for the civil service are given political appointments. In non-Christian countries, Church schools are nationalised, forbidden to hold prayers or other religious observances during school hours, compelled to teach the Islamic faith on pain of losing their government grant which would result in certain closure. Newspapers mysteriously cease publication. Editions are confiscated. Views and news are not promptly reported, for there is a world of difference between "The battle has begun" and "The battle has been won". Thus grave issues can be determined without adequate free discussion either inside or outside the legislature. Insidious propaganda seems to permeate every part of life, like water seeping through a crumbling dam, and nowhere can be found anyone able to raise a voice in protest.

Toc H members who are fortunate enough to live in an equitable political climate may be tempted to say, "Of course, this sort of thing could not happen here". Even in England it would be naive to assume that intimidation is a thing of the past. Why is capital punishment still on the statute book? The apologists aver that it is because it is a necessary deterrent. One should note again the inference that properly

educated and right minded citizens do not need this form of coercion and will not therefore be affected by it.

The main purpose of intimidation is to instil fear into the heart of its victim. Fear as Nature's accelerator, the releaser of adrenalin, may be essential to survival in the jungle, but it is at best a transient thing, for it is a powerful inhibitor of logical thought. For this reason alone it is out of place in a civilised society. As Aesop remarked, "Better die outright than be all one's life long in terror".

In spite of this, there are still devout Christians who maintain that it is possible for the Christian Church to co-exist with any political system. They argue that to say otherwise would deny the existence of the Church in Russia. What does our Christian heritage teach us? Surely, if God had wanted to intimidate the human race He would have had no difficulty in doing so? Instead He sent Jesus Christ. Has this no relevance today? Does this point to acquiescent co-existence with evil or militant advocacy of good?

Breakdown of communication

When we look abroad and consider other cultural and ethnic groups, with their differing ways of life and forms of government, it is easy to adopt an attitude of *laissez-faire*. Such an attitude will find favour with a large number of non-Christians all over the world. The Asian in particular has been brought up to believe that it is good manners to avoid open disagreement. This code of behaviour develops naturally into a complete breakdown of communication between whole groups of people. The penalty has been clearly demonstrated in China and Japan. In modern times the breakdown of communications by the Iron and Bamboo Curtains has been repaired to a limited extent by the need to hold scientific and technical discussions, for free interchange of ideas is a necessary stimulant for rapid progress in any field. The inescapable conclusion is that, notwithstanding our personal predilections, we can only live in splendid isolation to our own detriment. Our private lives are but a convenient figment of our own imagination.

Christ's teaching did not limit us to saving ourselves; but the methods we use must be consistent with His precept and example. It has not always been so. The Inquisition used intimidation by physical violence. Even today we have 'brain-washed' Christians. Perhaps the reason so many people fight shy of the 'Hot Gospellers' is because they seem to make the

ends justify the means. Our Lord did not use any of these methods. He charged us to preach unto the people and to testify. Every one of us, at some time or other is confronted with the challenge: to whom do we owe our first allegiance? This issue is a real and personal problem. The decision, whether to speak or act or to hold one's peace leaving it to God to resolve the matter, is not necessarily simple. Nor is it, as one political pundit has pronounced, a matter of common sense if you are being subjected to intimidation. Each one of us has to decide for himself whether silence is prompted by tactful courtesy or moral cowardice. Some of our Elder Brethren could tell us that to be a Christian does not mean that we shall be spared from the lion's jaws; it does mean that we can do the right, confident that God's grace will be sufficient for us to death itself.

But Christ warned us to take heed. How can we say "Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye" if we do not behold the beam that is in our own? Are we really sure that all is above criticism in our own house before we call our neighbours to order? Can we really condemn Russia whilst South Africa is in the Commonwealth?

Foul things are being done in the name of progress in many parts of the world today and the ramifications, if allowed to spread unchecked, will have disastrous consequences. Fear is an anachronism in a civilised world. Intimidation marks the onset of the failure of reason: it is a hallmark of the Devil. Oppression, cruelty, extortion and all the other intimidatory malpractices customarily associated with barbarism are a very real threat to the Kingdom of God wherever they occur. For us, as members of Toc H, the call is clear. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God". We should never forget that Christ's death was a political expedient. It was only the power of God which was able to change the end into the beginning. God is still with us, in spite of our failings and inaction. The Devil cannot stop us from communicating with God, but he can so beset us that we may forget to do so. In the face of the gathering powers of darkness, the Main Resolution of Toc H becomes daily more significant. If only we would repeat it more often and with greater understanding, then could nothing keep our light from shining out clearly in the sight of all men so that they would notice the beauty of the things we do and learn to think better of our Father, God, because they have known us.

Operation Snooker

RON SMITH

AT THE MERE MENTION of the word snooker, my eyes pop out like organ stops. I can smell a piece of billiard cue chalk half a mile away, and the sound of the click of the ivories as I walk near a billiard hall or a private house is enough to set my heart racing and my fingers itching.

The very little leisure I have is spent with my wife and son; but there have been several occasions, when, being too early for a meeting in Leeds, or being too early by evil intention, I have dropped in to a billiard hall.

The smell of tobacco smoke, baize and chalk; the babble of men's voices; the sound of ball against ball; the bright lights shining down on the green cloth; the bending body of a coatless player serious about his game; the eagerness with which the waiting player watches the striker's shot; the glass case containing cakes, sandwiches and chocolate; the hissing of the tea-making machine; all these fascinate me.

But the greatest fascination of all is the mixture of men. In London's Soho, more than in Leeds, I have seen Pole playing German; Cypriot playing Spaniard; Briton playing Siamese; Fleet Street journalist playing overalled window-cleaner; bank manager playing barrow boy.

In Leeds the other evening, with that convenient time to spare, I sat and watched a game in progress, and ordered a pot of tea. I shared a once bright red plush settee with a man who wished me good evening. "Good evening", I returned, "would you care for a cuppa?" "Thanks very much", he replied. "Pot for two, not one, please" to the steward.

I was conscious that a table had been vacated. My neighbour asked, "Would you like a game?" "Rather", I answered. The balls were set up; cues selected; jackets taken off; tips chalked; coin tossed for breaking. For the next twenty-five minutes such worthy things as "Family Purse"—Guard of the Lamp—Re-grants were forgotten. The game was the thing, *and* the man with whom I was playing.

I forget who won; it doesn't matter. The game was over all too soon, but having a few more minutes in hand, Ted

and I talked about the game and the badge on my lapel. I had to leave and I told Ted that I hoped we should play again one evening.

Ted is about the fourteenth chap with whom I am on Christian name terms in that billiard hall. I am unable to go there very often, but when I do, there's always a cheery welcome. David greeted me (on the evening I first met Ted) with "You left this under the ash-tray when you were in the other day", and he handed me *Mixture of Men*. "Oh, did I?", I said, with tongue in my cheek, and then "Give it to Jimmy". "O.K.", said David. One day I know that David, or Jimmy, or Ted, or Frank or George or Eric, or, or, or . . . will pause in their snookering and ask, "What is this Toc H racket?". I can wait for my cue.

What am I after in the billiard hall, besides a game of snooker? To get men to join Toc H? I don't care if they don't join Toc H. No, that's not true; I do care. But, what I think is more important *to me and for me at the moment* is that *Toc H has joined them*.

One or two of the chaps pulled a funny face when they learnt that I was a parson (even in shirt-sleeves and no clerical collar), but they have welcomed and accepted me and seem very pleased for me to play with them. If only one of them joins Toc H I shall be mighty grateful, but sufficient unto the day is the snooker thereof.

Leaflet Raid Sequel

GEORGE BRUTON

Vic Brown's article "Leaflet Raid" published in November's Journal aroused considerable interest. Vic has since had a number of enquiries asking for fuller details. Here is an interim report received from St. Albans Branch who are now trying the plan out for themselves.

THREE OF US were sitting round the Lamp reading the November issue of the JOURNAL when I spied the article 'Leaflet Raid'. We read it and we talked about it. "Just what we want" said Pilot. "Write for a copy" said Jobbie. George wrote, via the Editor, to Far Cotton Branch and back came a copy with best wishes and lots of good advice from Vic Brown.

Yes, we will have one for our own Branch we decided: but when? Let's book the film *A Lamp Burns*. The day we have it will be 'E' (for Extension) Day, February 16, 1961, was the date given us by 'Them up There', so a plan of campaign was drawn up and sent to all members of the Branch.

ST. ALBAN'S BRANCH	
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FEB. 16	"A Lamp Burns"
" 12	Leaflet Raid
" 11	by
" 10	Bomber Command
JAN. 31	Leaflet from Printer
" 2	Order to Printer
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DEC. 31	Draft Leaflet completed
" 15	Second thoughts on Leaflet
" 1	First draft of Leaflet
<i>You haven't got much time have you?</i>	

Having got the most important date 'E' Day fixed three months ahead, we were able to plan the campaign backward from that date; then go forward.

Today, January 24, a letter from Ches demanding a progress report. So far the plan of battle has gone well. Printer delivered the leaflets on January 8, and Jobbie is now counting all the houses in the nearby streets, using the local directory.

We will save some copies of the leaflet for those interested, and the writers of the first fifty post cards sent to G. W. Bruton, 69, Beechwood Avenue, St. Albans, will get a free copy of our leaflet.

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We are looking forward to sharing with readers further news of this venture, together with details of other Branches that are trying their hands at a 'Leaflet Raid'.—ED.



OPEN HUSTINGS

readers' letters



The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

Ceremony of Light

I HAVE been reading with interest this correspondence about the Ceremony of Light. Becoming a member of Toc H in 1924 while in my 'teens I accepted the words of 'Light' as commemorating men who had given their lives in the War. I had known personally none of these Elder Brethren—but the prayer was none the less real to me. As the years went by, the Elder Brethren meant for me not only those who had lost their lives in World War I, but those who (in Toc H especially) had passed to Higher Service after a life of service here on earth. These were mostly men older than the war victims. During World War II, I naturally added to my list the names of younger men who paid the Supreme Sacrifice and, since then, during the years further names have been added of senior members of Toc H.

Now that my attendances at Branch Meetings are infrequent I remember "with proud thanksgiving" once a week Elder Brethren known to me by name and unknown, and, as I repeat to myself the words "they shall grow not old as we that are left grow old . . .", I remember them as they lived on earth—some young in age and others older in age yet young in spirit. To me they

"grow not older as we that are left grow older". This is the meaning that I can sincerely and spontaneously give to these wonderful words, and I trust that many a young member may be able to hear them, say them and pray them in this light.

GEOFFREY BATCHELAR (Rev.)
*St. James' Vicarage,
Holt, Dorset.*

IN reply to your correspondent on the question of the Ceremony of Light, some time ago the wording of the Initiation Ceremony was changed, now there is a movement afoot to change the words of one of the most beautiful verses in our English language. Indeed, it seems there is a danger that the Ceremony of Light may be coming old aged and therefore only needed on the odd occasion and eventually 'snuffed' for good.

I feel sorry for "Working Member" that he has to rack his brains to think of someone to remember during Light. It was said of Jesus our great Elder Brother that He was a man who went about doing good, an example which has been copied ever since by men and women both in and out of Toc H. Are not these worth thinking of?

The Ceremony of Light is *not* a habit nor could it become one to the average Toc H member. I would like to point out, too,

that the JOURNAL every month contains on the average twenty names of members who have joined the Elder Brethren. Both young and old who have tried to be a reflection of the Light of the World. So to save a lot of brain racking I would suggest that the member who is taking Light could read out just a few of these names and remember "With proud thanksgiving our Elder Brethren".

H. A. MILNE.

*Broughton Astley,
Leicester.*

TOC H Women's Association had the Ceremony of Light as a subject for discussion at their Central Council meeting held in March, 1960. My Branch naturally discussed the subject, and two Pilots—Branch and District—combined to suggest the following alternative: that in place of the verse from Laurence Binyon's poem, words taken from the Toc H Main Resolution be used; and the rest of the Ceremony of Light be left unaltered. The amended version would therefore go like this—

LEADER: Remembering with gratitude how God used the Old House to send men forth strengthened to fight at all costs for the setting up of His Kingdom upon earth, we pledge ourselves.

ALL: To think fairly, to love widely, to witness humbly, to build bravely.

LEADER: Let us be still, that we may feel God's presence with us now.

SILENCE

LEADER: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works

ALL: and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

YVETTE I. FRYMANN.

*Burton Joyce,
Notts.*

I WAS very interested to read in the December JOURNAL the two letters of Vic Brown and F. L. Petch, as in 1953 Herbert Leggate's *Tyranny of Words* was published, and in it he said (page 10) "There may, however, be room for an alternative introduction to the silence".

I then considered such an alternative set of words, and have now re-considered it in the light of the above two letters. I think (with Petch) that any alternative should include two essential alterations: (i) to provide a correct definition of the Elder Brethren as we have always known them, (ii) to eliminate the war-time implications of Binyon's words.

I therefore suggest the following wording, slightly modified from my 1953 draft:—

"With proud thanksgiving let us remember all those who, having served God's Kingdom in this world, have now passed beyond our sight, and who remain our Elder Brethren.

'At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

'We will remember them'."

You will note that I feel that if we are going to continue using any of Binyon's words, it is better that all the rest of the wording should be in prose. We should not mix them with attempts at verse, however good. By using the poet's own lines we acknowledge them, as we have always done.

I trust that the above suggestion may commend itself to those who wish the ceremony to help members to 'call to mind those others who down the years have shown a spirit of unselfishness and sacrifice towards their fellow men'.

Pilots or others may find it necessary to explain to guests of the younger generation that

'passed beyond our sight' does not mean 'transferred to Australia', but I hesitate to insert the words 'by death'. Possibly the padre can help here.

SYDNEY N. GRIMES.
Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

THE letter from 'Working Member' in the January JOURNAL is certainly to the point, and should cause us to do some serious re-thinking on this very important Toc H tradition. The slipshod manner in which the Ceremony is taken at some meetings deserves criticism, and perhaps 'W.M.' has been unfortunate in this respect, but to restrict it as suggested to occasional meetings is asking too much. Is this the thin end of the wedge for more 'reforms'? No, I say, leave things as they are but let every Branch take 'Light' as it is meant to be taken, that is with feeling, sincerity and purpose.

HARRY TRAVIS.
Louth, Lincs.

A Builder remembers

As a Builder, I am glad that you have removed on to Tower Hill. I wonder if it would be of interest to tell you that I was employed in shipping in Water Lane near you in 1900. I was frequently in and out of the General Steam Navigation Company's offices when their building was on the triangle in front of All Hallows Church, and behind its little graveyard the old warehouse of the Mazawattee Tea Company. I used to sometimes slip into All Hallows in those days. I think it was about 1926 perhaps when my wife and I, rambling in that part of the City, first saw the Lamp of Maintenance burning in the Church. Our interest was started then but soon after we moved into Cambridge and it was there

I met a friend who first persuaded me to become a Builder of Toc H.

S. A. PASSMORE.
Wokingham, Bucks.

Male Voice Choir

As a result of the JOURNAL giving details of the Toc H Choir's carolling effort, a large number of collectors turned up at Victoria Station and put in some really grand work. A number of singers also put in an appearance, and we were very glad of the extra support! The total amount collected was £95, as a result of which the Southern Region Railway Orphanage and Home received a cheque for £47 10s., as did also the National Children's Home.

Perhaps you might find an inch of space to express to those who supported us the grateful thanks of the committee and members of the Toc H Male Voice Choir. Incidentally, we are always glad to welcome new recruits for the Choir on Monday evenings at 42 Trinity Square.

JIMMY NEILLY.
East Barnet, Herts.

Alternate Tuesdays

WHEN I am told that a Branch meets 'every Monday at 8 p.m.'. I know where I am and can tell a casual acquaintance to go and try becoming a regular member. Better still, I can take him myself. When I find that meetings are on 'alternate Tuesdays', I am stumped. If a Branch just cannot meet every week, wouldn't it help everyone concerned to make it, second and fourth Wednesdays? Or first, third and fifth Thursdays, even if the rent went up for four more meetings a year?

I. WONDER
(Name and address supplied).

Stamford's Arithmetic

HARRY BANYARD

AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME as when the Russians put their first Sputnik into orbit, the idea of distributing parcels of grocery to the needy old folk of the town at Christmas was conceived by the Stamford Toc H.

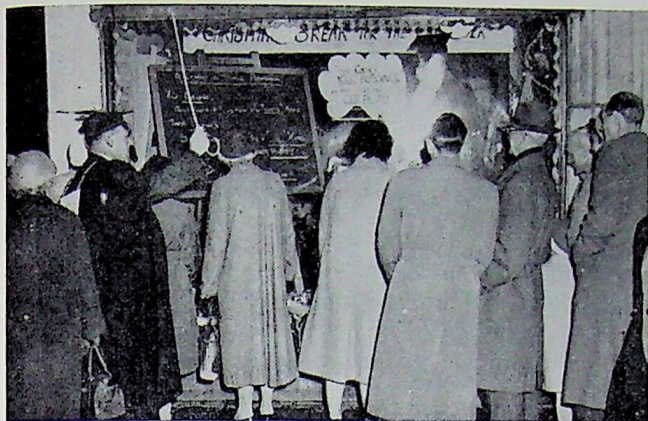
The manager of the local *Stamford Mercury* newspaper was approached and he offered to the Branch the facilities of his display window and office in the High Street, providing it could be used in an attractive and worth-while manner. This was great news to the Branch and it was decided to dress the window in such a way as to draw the attention of the public to our efforts, and use the office as a reception centre for gifts so tendered. The idea caught on and sufficient gifts were received to enable eighty parcels, of about 10s. each in value, to be distributed.

The following years showed improvement, and by Christmas, 1959, 140 parcels of the same value were sent out and general satisfaction of the effort was felt by Branch members.

Jobbie had much greater ideas when the Christmas effort for 1960 was discussed in Midsummer, and boldly stated that our sights should be lifted to a target of 300 parcels. One can well imagine the reaction of the Branch to this 'Crazy remark'—"We've got a right one here"; "It just can't be done". The doubtful Johnnies were once again in full war cry! After much deliberation the Branch decided to lift its sights to 300 parcels, but not to put the madness into print.

A committee was formed to explore the possibilities, and as Tubby has so often taught us, it was decided to "put the hammer into a few other people's hands" and consequently a local welfare committee was contacted and brought in under a joint effort.

Bearing and elevation were now set and the target of 300 parcels appeared to be in range if a few more sources of supply could be tapped, so appeals for cash were made through various channels. Some seventy collecting tins were distributed to shops and public houses, and boxes were placed in various grocers' shops, in which customers could leave their gift of a packet of tea or box of matches. Once again the



"A blackboard lesson in simple arithmetic."

Manager of the local newspaper came to our aid by making available to us the Editor's column, through which appeals for cash were made.

The display window this year must not miss, otherwise we should miss our target and so three wise members of the Branch devised the theme of a "Father Christmas School-master", complete in cap and gown, depicting on his blackboard a lesson in simple arithmetic, that an old age pension of £2 10s. 0d. into a Happy Christmas, just would not go.

A local Builder (Toc H type, not bricks and mortar) dressed himself with a remarkable likeness to Jimmy Edwards of "Whacko" fame, and for two Saturday afternoons caught the public eye, drawing their attention to the need for gifts in cash or kind; small children could be seen walking down the High Street holding balloons with "Mickey Mouse" drawn on one side and "Toc H Christmas Parcel Appeal" on the other. Many mums and dads were brought back to give their gifts to "Jimmy".

The end of this story is a happy one, Jobbie's target was passed and over £200 in cash or grocery gifts was raised enabling 360 parcels valued at 12s. 6d. to be distributed by Branch members and other *detailed* volunteers.

The old people were delighted, the Branch felt more than pleased with their efforts: but we wonder, just what will that Jobmaster say next year?

Knocking

*Knocking at birth they cry,
Let us through to the wonderful world.
Wait for the time—short time,
Till the voice bids—launch away,
And the world comes crowding in.*

*Knocking at death they cry,
Let us through to a shimmering realm.
Wait for the calling time,
When the great door swings your way,
And the road to the heights lies free.*

*For the master of birth,
and the master of death,
and the door,
and the shining way,
are ONE.*

HOWARD BRADLEY.

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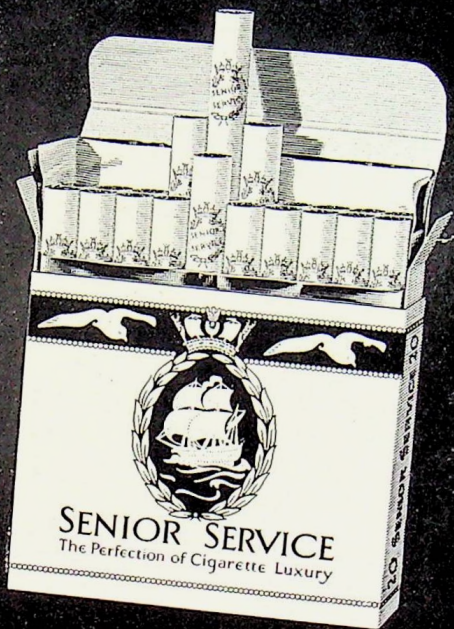
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